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Sir:

Re. Office Action (FINAL) mailed October 7, 2004, reply due Jan 7, 2005

In reply to Office Action mailed October 7, 2003, please amend this Application as follows:

In the CLAIMS: please enter the amendments starting on page 2 herein.

REMARKS: please see page 11 herein.

Applicant hereby petitions for two months extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to file a reply by March 7, 2005. Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0359 for the extension. If another fee, or a credit, is due on this Application, please charge or credit this account. This reply is thus timely filed.